

We claim:

1. A method comprising:
 - receiving an image from an image capture device,
 - in which the image capture device generates an image of an area in
 - 5 which human activity is desired to be substantially nonexistent;
 - determining information related to the area;
 - receiving a request for a first user to monitor;
 - receiving a user identifier;
 - verifying that the user identifier corresponds to the first user;
 - 10 providing the first user with the image;
 - receiving a response to the image by the first user, in which the response
 - comprises an indication that a human is present in the image;
 - providing additional users with the image;
 - receiving responses to the image by the additional users;
 - 15 evaluating the received responses;
 - determining, based on the information related to the area, an entity to
 - notify; and
 - notifying the entity.
- 20 2. The method of claim 1, in which the step of
 - determining information related to the area;
 - comprises
 - receiving a unique identifier from the image capture device;
 - accessing a record in a database using the unique identifier; and
 - 25 determining, from the record, contact information for the area.
3. The method of claim 1, in which
 - providing the first user with the image;
 - comprises
 - 30 transmitting the image to an internet protocol address which is
 - based on the first user.

4. The method of claim 1, in which
providing the first user with the image;
comprises
5 posting the image on a Web site.
5. A method comprising:
receiving a request for a first user to monitor;
verifying the first user;
10 providing the first user with an image of an area in which human activity is
desired to be substantially nonexistent;
receiving a response to the image by the first user; and
evaluating the received response.
- 15 6. The method of claim 5, in which the step of
verifying the first user
comprises
receiving an identifier; and
determining that the identifier identifies a prior registration.
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7. The method of claim 5, further comprising:
determining an attentiveness of the first user.
8. The method of claim 7, in which the step of
25 determining an attentiveness of the first user
comprises
requesting that the first user respond to a false positive.
9. The method of claim 8, in which
30 requesting that the first user respond to a false positive
comprises:
providing the first user with a false positive image;

receiving a response to the false positive image by the first user;

10. The method of claim 9, further comprising:
determining whether the response to the false positive image indicates that
5 a human is present in the image.

11. The method of claim 7, in which the step of
determining an attentiveness of the first user
comprises
10 determining a reaction time of the first user.

12. The method of claim 5, further comprising:
selecting the first user from a plurality of users.

15 13. The method of claim 12, in which the step of
selecting the first user from a plurality of users
comprises
selecting the first user from the plurality of users based on the
image.
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14. The method of claim 5, further comprising:
providing at least one additional user with the image.

15. The method of claim 14, in which the step of
25 providing at least one additional user with the image
is performed based on the response to the image.

16. The method of claim 14, in which the step of
providing at least one additional user with the image
30 comprises:
determining, based on the response to the image, a number;

selecting a plurality of additional user, in which the cardinality of the plurality is at least the number; and
providing the plurality of additional users with the image.

- 5 17. The method of claim 5, further comprising:
 determining a response time in receiving the response to the image.
18. The method of claim 5, in which the response is one of:
 an indication that a human is present in the image,
10 an indication that no human is present in the image, and
 an indication of uncertainty whether a human is present in the image.
19. The method of claim 5, in which the step of
 evaluating the received response
15 comprises
 determining, based on the received response, whether to notify an
entity.
20. The method of claim 5, in which the step of
20 evaluating the received response
 comprises
 initiating a telephone call to a predetermined telephone number.
21. The method of claim 5, further comprising:
25 adjusting a rating of the first user based on the received response.
22. The method of claim 5, further comprising:
 compensating the first user.
- 30 23. The method of claim 22, in which the step of
 compensating the first user
 comprises

compensating the first user based on the received response.